

HOUSE BILL No. 1673

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-31-3.

Synopsis: Emergency ambulance services. Requires a certified provider of emergency ambulance services to include a paramedic as part of the personnel on each ambulance, beginning July 1, 2010. Allows a county, city, or town to request permission to impose an ad valorem property tax levy if the county, city, or town needs the increase to pay for training for paramedics for emergency ambulance services.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2007.

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January 23, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-31-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,
2 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 2. The commission shall establish standards for
4 persons required to be certified by the commission to provide
5 emergency medical services. To be certified, a person must meet the
6 following minimum requirements:

7 (1) The personnel certified under this chapter must do the
8 following:

9 (A) Meet the standards for education and training established
10 by the commission by rule.

11 (B) Successfully complete a basic or an inservice course of
12 education and training on sudden infant death syndrome that
13 is certified by the Indiana emergency medical services
14 commission (created under IC 16-31-2-1) in conjunction with
15 the state health commissioner.

16 (2) Ambulances to be used must conform with the requirements
17 of the commission and must either be:



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(A) covered by insurance issued by a company licensed to do business in Indiana in the amounts and under the terms required in rules adopted by the commission; or

(B) owned by a governmental entity covered under IC 34-13-3.

(3) Emergency ambulance service shall be provided in accordance with rules adopted by the commission. However, the rules adopted under this chapter may not prohibit the dispatch of an ambulance to aid an emergency patient because:

(A) before July 1, 2010, an emergency medical technician or a paramedic; or

(B) after June 30, 2010, a paramedic (in accordance with section 3.5 of this chapter);

is not immediately available to staff the ambulance.

(4) Ambulances must be equipped with a system of emergency medical communications approved by the commission. The emergency medical communication system must properly integrate and coordinate appropriate local and state emergency communications systems and reasonably available area emergency medical facilities with the general public's need for emergency medical services.

(5) Emergency medical communications shall be provided in accordance with rules adopted by the commission.

(6) A nontransporting emergency medical services vehicle must conform with the commission's requirements.

SECTION 2. IC 16-31-3-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 3.5. Beginning July 1, 2010, in addition to the requirements of this chapter, a certified provider of emergency ambulance services must include a paramedic as part of the personnel on each ambulance when providing emergency ambulance services, except as provided in section 2(3) of this chapter.**

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this SECTION, "unit" means any of the following:

(1) A county.

(2) A city.

(3) A town.

(b) This SECTION applies only to ad valorem property tax levies imposed for taxes first due and payable in the following years:

(1) 2008.

(2) 2009.

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1 **(3) 2010.**

2 **(c) A unit may request permission from the local government**
 3 **tax control board to impose an ad valorem property tax levy that**
 4 **exceeds the limits imposed by IC 6-1.1-18.5-3 if the unit needs the**
 5 **increase to pay for training for paramedics on ambulances to**
 6 **satisfy the requirements under IC16-31-3-3.5, as added by this act.**

7 **(d) If the local government tax control board determines that a**
 8 **need exists as described in subsection (c), the board shall**
 9 **recommend to the department of local government finance that the**
 10 **unit be allowed to impose a property tax levy exceeding the limit**
 11 **imposed by IC 6-1.1-18.5-3. If the department of local government**
 12 **finance approves the recommendation, the department shall**
 13 **determine the amount by which the unit's levy may be increased**
 14 **over the limits imposed by IC 6-1.1-18.5-3.**

15 **(e) In the review of a request under subsection (c), the local**
 16 **government tax control board and the department of local**
 17 **government finance are subject to the procedures that apply to an**
 18 **appeal filed under IC 6-1.1-18.5-12.**

19 **(f) Any property taxes collected by a unit over the limits**
 20 **imposed by IC 6-1.1-18.5-3 under the authority of this SECTION**
 21 **may not be treated as a part of the unit's maximum permissible ad**
 22 **valorem property tax levy for purposes of determining its**
 23 **maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for future**
 24 **years.**

25 **(g) This SECTION expires July 1, 2010.**

26 **SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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